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**Scott A. Chalmers, et al.**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
HIGH-SPEED THICKNESS MAPPING  
OF PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

Art Unit: 2877

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2003, kindly enter an amendment to the subject application as follows:

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